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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael F. Roberts et al. Art Unit : 1744
Serial No. : 10/036,022 Examiner : Tentoni
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Title : GUM-MASSAGING ORAL BRUSH

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Applicant hereby petitions for the above referenced application to be made special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d). The reason for this petition is actual infringement (see MPEP 708.02(II).)

In support of this petition, Applicants' representative, the undersigned, states that:

- (1) There are two infringing products actually on the market. These products are manufactured by Johnson & Johnson and Unilever.
- (2) A rigid comparison has been made of these devices with the claims of the application, and, in my opinion, at least some of the claims are unquestionably infringed.
- (3) I have caused to be made a thorough search of the prior art . I have also reviewed the prior art cited in the parent applications and the foreign counterparts thereof.

As required by MPEP 708.02(II) submitted herewith are one (1) copy each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, except those already of record.



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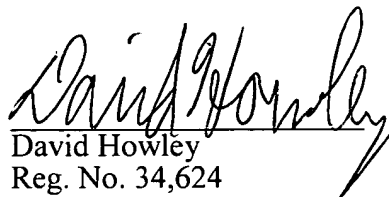
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